

House District 13

Michael “Mike” Chmielewski, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: October 25, 1940
PLACE OF BIRTH: Waterbury, Connecticut
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 26 years
Nome 1978-1980
Palmer 1980-present
OCCUPATION:
Mat-Su School Board President, Retired Educator
EDUCATION:
Brown University, A.B. (1962); University of Vermont, M.Ed. (1977), C.A.S. (1979); Boston University, M.A. (1967), Ed. D. (1991).
MILITARY:
Captain, USAF, 1963-1968
POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Matanuska-Susitna School Board Member, 1999-present; President, 2002-present; Federal employee, GS-11, Washington, D.C., 1970-74.
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Secondary School Instructor/Counselor, Mat-Su, Nome; Special Services Computer Applications Coordinator,

Mat-Su; District Indian Education Counselor, Mat-Su; Adjunct Instructor, Mat-Su College.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Past President, Alaska Assoc. for Computers in Education; Former Member, Alaska Future Schools' Task Force; Former Member, Valley Hospital Operating Board; Former EMT III, Palmer Volunteer Ambulance; Founding Member, Nome Volunteer Ambulance Service; Former Trustee, NEA Alaska Health Trust; Volunteer, Valley Community for Recycling Solutions; Founding Member, Matanuska Cultural & Historical Project; Blood donor for the Red Cross.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, friends, dogs, Aikido, hiking, fishing, kayaking, skiing, computers.

STATEMENT:

As your representative, I will be an independent voice for the Greater Palmer area, not another rubber-stamp for the governor.

For the past two years I have led the Mat Su School Board by:

- making sure the facilities keep pace with the growing numbers of students in local schools;
- keeping our finances in order so Valley residents get their money's worth; and
- leading well-organized meetings in which all views are heard before a decision is made.

I have done the research, sought input, and acted in an open and respectful manner. That's how I will do business in the legislature.

As your legislator, I will get to know the facts and act on a state fiscal plan that balances the budget while preserving the Permanent Fund Dividend. That is my number one priority. Budget cuts that pass the burden onto local landowners must stop. We must halt the creeping "user fees" that the legislature has passed. We can do better:

I will work to preserve your private property rights, including the buyback of existing coal bed methane leases.

I will work to provide sustained and adequate funding for education.

I will work to make the Alaska gas pipeline a reality.

I will do the public's business in the open - no closed doors or secret meetings.

I have the experience. I have the commitment. I will be your independent voice for the Greater Palmer area. I'd appreciate your vote on November 2nd. Together, we can do better!

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